



# Nebraska Agri-Facts

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## Survey Results Included

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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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### Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.47 million cattle on feed on February 1. This inventory was down 4 percent from last year. Placements during January totaled 475,000 head, up 10 percent from 2012. Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 470,000 head, up 19 percent from last year. This is the highest January marketings since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during January totaled 15,000 head, equal to a year ago.

### U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

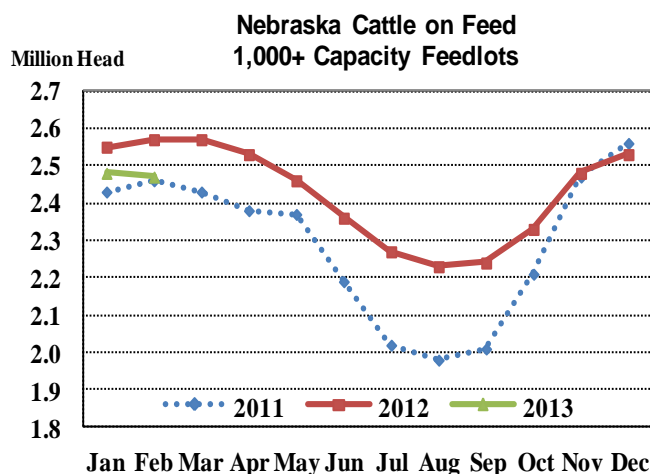
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2013. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2012. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.88 million, 2 percent above 2012. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 2012. Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during January, 2 percent below 2012.

**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2012-2013**

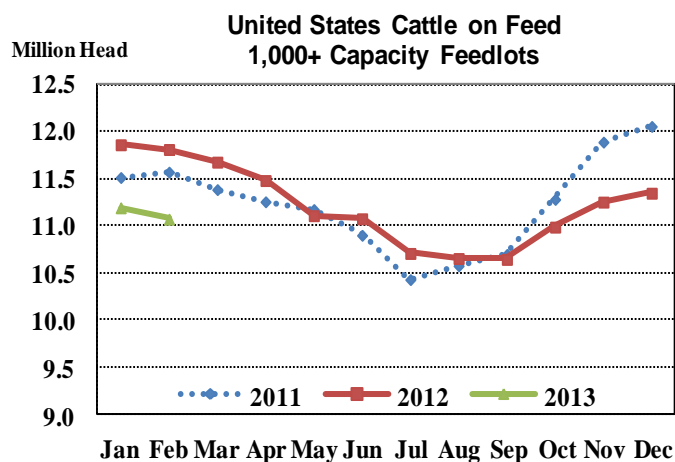
| State         | February 1<br>Number on Feed <sup>1</sup> |         |                     | January<br>Placements |         |                     | January<br>Marketings |         |                     | January<br>Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> |         |                     |
|---------------|---|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|---|---------|---------------------|
|               | 2012                                      | 2013    | <u>2013</u><br>2012 | 2012                  | 2013    | <u>2013</u><br>2012 | 2012                  | 2013    | <u>2013</u><br>2012 | 2012  | 2013    | <u>2013</u><br>2012 |
|               | 1,000 Head                                | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head            | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head            | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head                                  | Percent |                     |
| Arizona       | 276                                       | 275     | 100                 | 28                    | 30      | 107                 | 30                    | 26      | 87                  | 1   | 1       | 100                 |
| California    | 505                                       | 480     | 95                  | 55                    | 55      | 100                 | 57                    | 50      | 88                  | 3   | 5       | 167                 |
| Colorado      | 1,140                                     | 1,010   | 89                  | 190                   | 190     | 100                 | 190                   | 175     | 92                  | 10  | 5       | 50                  |
| Idaho         | 235                                       | 225     | 96                  | 47                    | 37      | 79                  | 41                    | 40      | 98                  | 1   | 2       | 200                 |
| Iowa          | 650                                       | 640     | 98                  | 103                   | 100     | 97                  | 70                    | 77      | 110                 | 3   | 3       | 100                 |
| Kansas        | 2,230                                     | 2,110   | 95                  | 410                   | 430     | 105                 | 415                   | 415     | 100                 | 15  | 15      | 100                 |
| Nebraska      | 2,570                                     | 2,470   | 96                  | 430                   | 475     | 110                 | 395                   | 470     | 119                 | 15  | 15      | 100                 |
| Oklahoma      | 355                                       | 325     | 92                  | 50                    | 50      | 100                 | 68                    | 68      | 100                 | 2   | 2       | 100                 |
| South Dakota  | 260                                       | 225     | 87                  | 45                    | 36      | 80                  | 44                    | 40      | 91                  | 1   | 1       | 100                 |
| Texas         | 2,900                                     | 2,620   | 90                  | 400                   | 390     | 98                  | 415                   | 465     | 112                 | 25  | 25      | 100                 |
| Washington    | 227                                       | 234     | 103                 | 35                    | 29      | 83                  | 39                    | 40      | 103                 | 1   | 2       | 200                 |
| Other States  | 463                                       | 459     | 99                  | 54                    | 54      | 100                 | 52                    | 51      | 98                  | 4   | 3       | 75                  |
| United States | 11,811                                    | 11,073  | 94                  | 1,847                 | 1,876   | 102                 | 1,816                 | 1,917   | 106                 | 81  | 79      | 98                  |

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 22, 2013



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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**Milk Cows: Licensed Dairy Herds, Number, and Milk Produced by Quarter,  
Nebraska and United States, 2011-2012**

| State and Month        | Licensed Dairy Herds <sup>1</sup> |        | Milk Cows         |       | Production per Cow |        | Production            |         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
|                        | 2011                              | 2012   | 2011              | 2012  | 2011               | 2012   | 2011                  | 2012    |
|                        | <i>Number</i>                     |        | <i>1,000 Head</i> |       | <i>Pounds</i>      |        | <i>Million Pounds</i> |         |
| Nebraska               |                                   |        |                   |       |                    |        |                       |         |
| January – March        |                                   |        | 57                | 56    |                    |        | 290                   | 300     |
| April – June           |                                   |        | 57                | 56    |                    |        | 301                   | 300     |
| July - September       |                                   |        | 57                | 56    |                    |        | 288                   | 289     |
| October – December     |                                   |        | 57                | 55    |                    |        | 294                   | 297     |
| Annual                 | 245                               | 210    | 57                | 56    | 20,579             | 21,179 | 1,173                 | 1,186   |
| United States - Annual | 51,291                            | 49,331 | 9,194             | 9,233 | 21,336             | 21,697 | 196,164               | 200,324 |

<sup>1</sup> Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, February 20, 2013

**Fall Potatoes: 2012 Production and  
February 1, 2013 Stocks<sup>1</sup>**

| State           | Crop of 2012      |                              |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
|                 | Production        | Total Stocks<br>Feb. 1, 2013 |
|                 | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i>            |
| California      | 4,312             | 1,500                        |
| Colorado        | 21,021            | 11,500                       |
| Idaho           | 143,240           | 80,500                       |
| Maine           | 15,675            | 9,700                        |
| Michigan        | 15,925            | 5,700                        |
| Minnesota       | 18,800            | 9,500                        |
| Montana         | 3,744             | 3,600                        |
| Nebraska        | 10,146            | 5,400                        |
| New York        | 4,703             | 1,200                        |
| North Dakota    | 25,200            | 12,700                       |
| Oregon          | 23,045            | 13,400                       |
| Washington      | 97,580            | 44,500                       |
| Wisconsin       | 29,440            | 14,800                       |
| Total 13 States | 412,831           | 214,000                      |

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, February 15, 2013

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**Crop Summary: Marketing Year Average Price and Value of Production, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2012**

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|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Crop  | Prod. Unit | Price          |                |                | Value of Production  |                      |                      |
|   |            | 2010           | 2011           | 2012           | 2010                 | 2011                 | 2012                 |
| <b>Nebraska</b>   |            | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| Corn for Grain  | Bushels    | 5.09           | 6.11           | 7.05           | 7,477,719            | 9,384,960            | 9,110,010            |
| Soybeans  | Bushels    | 11.00          | 12.00          | 14.00          | 2,945,250            | 3,136,320            | 2,899,190            |
| All Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 75.00          | 119.00         | 196.00         | 460,122              | 634,291              | 750,336              |
| Alfalfa Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 78.00          | 129.00         | 213.00         | 284,622              | 407,511              | 483,936              |
| All Other Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 65.00          | 92.00          | 148.00         | 175,500              | 226,780              | 266,400              |
| Winter Wheat  | Bushels    | 5.27           | 6.70           | 8.05           | 337,649              | 437,175              | 429,065              |
| All Potatoes  | Cwt.       | 10.00          | 10.70          | 10.00          | 77,190               | 83,460               | 101,460              |
| Sorghum for Grain   | Cwt.       | 8.74           | 10.50          | 12.60          | 33,037               | 38,690               | 24,978               |
| Dry Edible Beans  | Cwt.       | 27.00          | 42.60          | 38.80          | 86,211               | 89,460               | 123,888              |
| Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup>  | Ton        | 72.60          | 72.50          |                | 82,111               | 93,163               |                      |
| Proso Millet  | Bushels    | 4.50           | 6.05           | 12.20          | 11,880               | 10,158               | 8,052                |
| Sunflower (all)   | Cwt.       | 26.40          | 31.90          | 28.90          | 22,007               | 24,216               | 7,876                |
| Sunflower (oil)   | Cwt.       | 20.70          | 28.10          | 27.00          | 6,707                | 12,786               | 5,576                |
| Sunflower (non-oil)   | Cwt.       | 30.00          | 37.60          | 35.00          | 15,300               | 11,430               | 2,300                |
| Oats  | Bushels    | 3.03           | 3.76           | 4.15           | 5,151                | 4,888                | 4,258                |
| <b>United States</b>  |            |                |                |                |                      |                      |                      |
| Corn for Grain  | Bushels    | 5.18           | 6.22           | 7.20           | 64,643,295           | 76,939,603           | 77,351,937           |
| Soybeans  | Bushels    | 11.30          | 12.50          | 14.30          | 37,546,840           | 38,497,710           | 43,194,345           |
| All Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 114.00         | 178.00         | 191.00         | 14,656,191           | 18,251,166           | 18,557,653           |
| Alfalfa Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 123.00         | 196.00         | 211.00         | 7,728,468            | 10,917,174           | 10,406,796           |
| All Other Hay (baled)   | Ton        | 97.00          | 132.00         | 144.00         | 6,927,723            | 7,333,992            | 8,150,857            |
| All Wheat   | Bushels    | 5.70           | 7.24           | 7.90           | 12,827,254           | 14,322,909           | 17,943,343           |
| Winter Wheat  | Bushels    | 5.37           | 6.81           | 7.65           | 8,009,479            | 10,158,214           | 12,547,275           |
| All Potatoes  | Cwt.       | 9.20           | 9.41           | 8.39           | 3,721,501            | 4,040,568            | 3,914,949            |
| Sorghum for Grain   | Cwt.       | 8.96           | 10.70          | 12.80          | 1,617,851            | 1,268,524            | 1,633,621            |
| Dry Edible Beans  | Cwt.       | 28.00          | 42.10          | 38.50          | 899,258              | 851,131              | 1,269,695            |
| Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup>  | Ton        | 66.90          | 69.50          |                | 2,142,162            | 2,008,452            |                      |
| Proso Millet  | Bushels    | 4.54           | 6.01           | 13.30          | 52,419               | 54,974               | 41,025               |
| Sunflower (all)   | Cwt.       | 23.30          | 29.10          | 25.40          | 633,778              | 589,282              | 727,763              |
| Sunflower (oil)   | Cwt.       | 22.60          | 28.00          | 24.60          | 457,135              | 480,412              | 602,490              |
| Sunflower (non-oil)   | Cwt.       | 26.60          | 33.80          | 31.60          | 176,643              | 108,870              | 125,273              |
| Oats  | Bushels    | 2.52           | 3.49           | 3.80           | 217,498              | 189,263              | 248,918              |
| Barley  | Bushels    | 3.86           | 5.35           | 6.40           | 691,666              | 813,920              | 1,371,583            |

<sup>1</sup> The 2012 United States price and value will be published in *Agricultural Prices* released July 2013. State prices and values for 2012 will be published in *Crop Values* released February 2014.

Note: All prices in this report are marketing year average prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct and counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Values 2012 Summary, February 2013

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## U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

| Crop<br>Year         | Supply                   |                 |              |        | Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup> |   |       |              |        | Market<br>Year<br>Ending<br>Stocks | Average<br>Market<br>Price |        |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--|---|-------|--------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                      | Begin-<br>ning<br>stocks | Pro-<br>duction | Im-<br>ports | Total  | Domestic                               |   |       | Ex-<br>ports | Total  |                                    |                            |        |
|                      |                          |                 |              |        | Primary<br>Use <sup>2</sup>            | Ethanol &<br>By-<br>products <sup>3</sup> | Other |              |        |                                    |                            |        |
| Million Bushels      |                          |                 |              |        |  |   |       |              |        |                                    |                            | \$/Bu. |
| Corn                 |                          |                 |              |        |  |   |       |              |        |                                    |                            |        |
| 2010/11              | 1,708                    | 12,447          | 28           | 14,182 | 4,795                                  | 5,019                                     | 1,407 | 1,834        | 13,055 | 1,128                              | 5.18                       |        |
| 2011/12 <sup>4</sup> | 1,128                    | 12,360          | 29           | 13,516 | 4,548                                  | 5,011                                     | 1,425 | 1,543        | 12,527 | 989                                | 6.22                       |        |
| 2012/13 <sup>5</sup> | 989                      | 10,780          | 100          | 11,869 | 4,450                                  | 4,500                                     | 1,387 | 900          | 11,237 | 632                                | 6.75-7.65                  |        |
| Soybeans             |                          |                 |              |        |  |   |       |              |        |                                    |                            |        |
| 2010/11              | 151                      | 3,329           | 14           | 3,495  | 1,648                                  |   | 130   | 1,501        | 3,280  | 215                                | 11.30                      |        |
| 2011/12 <sup>4</sup> | 215                      | 3,094           | 16           | 3,325  | 1,703                                  |   | 91    | 1,362        | 3,155  | 169                                | 12.50                      |        |
| 2012/13 <sup>5</sup> | 169                      | 3,015           | 20           | 3,204  | 1,615                                  |   | 119   | 1,345        | 3,080  | 125                                | 13.55-15.05                |        |
| Wheat                |                          |                 |              |        |  |   |       |              |        |                                    |                            |        |
| 2010/11              | 976                      | 2,207           | 97           | 3,279  | 926                                    |   | 203   | 1,289        | 2,417  | 862                                | 5.70                       |        |
| 2011/12 <sup>4</sup> | 862                      | 1,999           | 112          | 2,974  | 941                                    |   | 240   | 1,050        | 2,231  | 743                                | 7.24                       |        |
| 2012/13 <sup>5</sup> | 743                      | 2,269           | 130          | 3,142  | 950                                    |   | 450   | 1,050        | 2,450  | 691                                | 7.70-8.10                  |        |
| Sorghum              |                          |                 |              |        |  |   |       |              |        |                                    |                            |        |
| 2010/11              | 41                       | 346             | 0            | 387    | 123                                    |   | 84    | 152          | 359    | 27                                 | 5.02                       |        |
| 2011/12 <sup>4</sup> | 27                       | 214             | 0            | 242    | 71                                     |   | 85    | 63           | 219    | 23                                 | 5.99                       |        |
| 2012/13 <sup>5</sup> | 23                       | 247             | 1            | 271    | 100                                    |   | 80    | 70           | 250    | 21                                 | 6.70-7.60                  |        |

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil. <sup>4</sup> Estimate. <sup>5</sup> Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 8, 2013

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